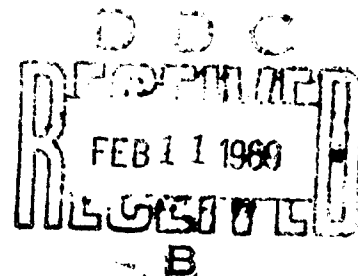


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Since the time of the last progress report, our efforts have been primarily devoted to the following areas: (1) the exploration of the hypotheses; (2) a further consideration of why certain expected tendencies did not appear in the data; and (3) the drafting of an initial version of the final report.

1. The twelve hypotheses with which we have been concerned have been compared with the data generated through the content analysis and the scaling of the action data. The results of the exploration of the hypotheses have been somewhat mixed. Most of the hypotheses dealing with dyadic conflict have been substantiated, although the associations between variables were generally weaker than those in other crisis research using similar variables. Those hypotheses which made predictions about conflict in the dyad were generally not supported by our data.

2. Our second major task has been an attempt to explain why hypothesized relationships in the dyad (i.e., Egypt and Israel) were not as strong as the relationships found in previous studies of international crisis behavior utilizing similar variables. There would appear to be three likely explanations for this. First, it is possible that the hypothesized patterns simply do not exist in the Arab-Israeli conflict as they did in other contexts. Second, it is possible that measurement error is large enough to produce the obtained measurements of the variables rather than their "true" values. Finally, one might argue that the situation in which the

hypotheses were explored did not allow for enough variation in the variables composing our hypotheses. An examination of the perceptual and behavioral data indicated that the last alternative offers the best explanation.

3. Our last major task has been the preparation of draft from which our final report may be drawn. This draft is still in progress but will be completed shortly.

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